

DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Benj. A. Smith, Le Have Bank, 180,000 lbs. fresh fish, 2000 lbs. halibut, 7 swordfish.  
Sch. Colonial, Rips, 40 bbls. salt mackerel.  
Sch. Mand F. Silva, via Boston, 12,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Steamer Lydia F., shore, 50 bbls. fresh bluebacks.

Todays Fish Market.

Round pollock, 75 cts. per cwt.; gutted 80 cents.  
Salt bank cod, large \$3.75, mediums, \$3.10  
Salt Rips, cod, large, \$4.20, mediums, \$3.25; snapper \$2.  
Salt Georges cod, large \$4.25, mediums, \$3.25.  
Salt bank dory handline cod, \$3.87 1-2 per cwt. for large and \$3.25 for mediums.  
Grand Bank fresh cod, \$2.00 per cwt. for arge, \$1.60 for mediums.  
Bank halibut 6 1-2 cts. per lb. for white and 4 1-2 cts. for gray.  
Salt pollock, \$1.50; salt haddock, \$1.50.  
Fresh mackerel, 24 1-2 cts. each for large and 15 cents for mediums.  
Late caught salt mackerel, \$14.50 per bbl.  
Eastern salt shack trip cod, \$3.80 per cwt. for large and \$3.15 for markets.  
Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large, \$2.30; mediums, \$1.75; Eastern cod, large, \$2; medium, \$1.60; cusk, \$1.65; haddock, \$1.00; hake, 85 cts.; pollock, to 80 cts.

Boston.

Sch. Warren M. Goodspeed, 12,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 1000 hake.  
Sch. Frances Whalen, 30,000 haddock, 17,000 cod, 18,000 hake.  
Sch. Louise C. Cabral, 1300 haddock, 27,000 cod, 7000 pollock.  
Sch. Rara Avis, 3500 cod, 500 pollock.  
Sch. Nettie, 1600 cod, 1000 pollock.  
Sch. Two Sisters, 1000 pollock.  
Sch. Blanche F. Irving, 44 swordfish.  
Sch. Athena, 13,000 haddock, 18,000 cod, 2000 pollock.  
Sch. Dorothy, 2200 haddock, 14,000 cod.  
Sch. Teresa and Alice, 2000 haddock, 14,000 cod.  
Sch. Vanessa, 17,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 25,000 hake.  
Sch. Galatea, 12,500 cod.  
Sch. Edith Silveria, 25,000 haddock, 25,000 cod, 15,000 pollock.  
Sch. Victor and Ethan, 27,000 haddock, 6000 cod, 6000 hake.  
Sch. Philip P. Manta, 4000 haddock, 18,000 cod, 20,000 pollock.  
Sch. Muriel, 18,000 haddock, 9000 cod, 20,000 hake.  
Sch. Genesta, 15,000 haddock, 18,000 cod, 24,000 hake.  
Sch. Olive F. Hutchins, 10,000 haddock, 12,000 cod, 10,000 hake.  
Sch. Mary Edith, 5000 haddock, 3000 cod, 15,000 hake, 10,000 cusk.  
Sch. Robert and Arthur, 7000 haddock, 12,000 cod, 12,000 hake, 1000 pollock.  
Sch. Mattie Brundage, 3000 haddock, 14,000 cod.  
Sch. Regina, 28,000 haddock, 12,000 cod, 17,000 hake.  
Sch. Marion, 1000 cod, 1000 pollock.  
Sch. Olivia Sears, 2000 pollock.  
Sch. Charles A. Dyer, bluebacks.  
Sch. Elthia, bluebacks.  
Haddock, \$2.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$2.50; market cod, \$1.80; hake, \$1 to \$2; pollock, \$1 to \$1.50; swordfish, 12 cts. per lb.

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BIG WORK.

Sch. Thomas S. Gorton Stocks \$3160 on Short Shacking Trip.

Sch. Thomas S. Gorton, Capt. William H. Thomas, weighed off 170,000 pounds of fresh cod, as the result of her recent two weeks trip to Western Bank, making the splendid stock of \$3160, the crew getting the fine share of \$75.45.  
Capt. Thomas has been driving things in great shape for on the past three trips the crew have shared \$224, which is certainly big work for three shack trips in succession.

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Halibut Sales.

The fare of sch. Cavalier sold to the New England Fish Co. at 6 cents per pound for white and 4 cents for gray.

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POOR REPORT FROM THE BAY.

No Fish Schooling and Few Net Hauls Close in Shore.

STORM DROVE FLEET TO HARBOR

Three Small Fares at Boston and One at This Port.

Since yesterday noon ten of the seining fleet have arrived at this port with practically no fish, the fares going from half a barrel to seven barrels, one craft having 700 fresh mackerel.

Most of the vessels took advantage of the southeast storm, which drove them off the Rips, to come home and talk and think over the present dark situation and refit for another mackerel search.

The skippers do not know which way to turn. They say there are still some fish on the Rips, but that small dogfish are there in regular rafts. One vessel, sch. Oriole, set at a school of mackerel Tuesday, getting 140 mackerel and almost 100 barrels of dogfish, which shows how plentiful they are.

Although it looks blue, the skippers are not giving up. They believe the fish should show on the southeast part of Georges or on the Cultivator or in the Bay of Fundy, although sch. Lucania, Capt. Martin L. Welch, has just returned from a cruise to Yarmouth, the Lurcher and across to Boothbay and from there direct across to the Rips again. The captain saw no signs of fish although fine weather was encountered and he had a good, careful look all along.

Some of the skippers are talking of going to North Bay, believing that if a fleet went down there and went early enough, before blowy weather sets in, they would get trips. Sch. Hattie M. Graham sailed for there yesterday.

This morning the Times received the following letter from its Mulgrave, N. S., correspondent:

"I see by the Times that if mackerel do not show up on your coast soon, a fleet was liable to fit for North Bay. If there are no better prospects on your shore than what is in North Bay, it will not be worth while for them to come. What few mackerel have been caught, have been taken in nets inside the three mile limit. I have reports from Chatham and Bay Chaleur and no mackerel have been seen schooling or taken in nets there. This is on good authority. We have had men fishing at Port Hood and there are no mackerel there only a few herring."

Sch. Terra Nova was at this port last night and landed 700 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Metamora arrived at Boston yesterday afternoon with 2500 fresh mackerel, sch. Conqueror with 2200 fresh mackerel and this morning sch. Pontiac is at that port with 1600 fresh mackerel.

Schs. Veda M. McKown and Mary E. Harty made small hauls of mackerel on the Rips Tuesday.

Sch. Patrician is reported to have taken a dory load off Chatham Tuesday and a fleet of 15 sail have been jogging around there looking for fish.

Yesterday's breeze drove the fleet off the Rips. Some ran off into deep water and jogged, but about 45 sail ran for harbor and went into Provincetown.

Fresh mackerel sold in Boston today at 25 cents each for large and 16 cents each for medium.

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Mackerel Fare Sold.

The fare of sch. Colonial sold to the Gloucester Mackerel Company for a lump sum, figuring in the vicinity of \$11.25 per barrel.

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SIX OF CREW ARE INJURED.

Sch. Maxine Elliott Arrived at Louisburg Today.

SEA BROKE WHEN HEAVING UP.

Colin Townsend with Ribs Broken Hurried to Hospital.

A special despatch to the Times this forenoon from Louisburg C. B., states that sch. Maxine Elliott, Capt. Thomas Benham, one of the salt bank dory handline fleet, of this port, now on her second trip, arrived there this forenoon with six of her crew hurt, one of them, Colin Townsend, of Lockport, N. S., being quickly conveyed to the hospital.

Capt. Benham reports that while heaving up the anchor on Quero bank Sunday forenoon, a heavy sea broke over the vessel, severely injuring Townsend and injuring five others of the crew.

Townsend's ribs are broken and he was suffering intensely. The vessel came to port as quickly as possible to secure surgical attendance for him.

The schooner has 50,000 pounds of salt fish.

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Sch. Lucania, seining, 1 bbl. salt mackerel.  
Sch. Slade Gorton, seining, 4 bbls. salt mackerel.  
Sch. Arthur James, seining.  
Sch. Terra Nova, Rips, 700 fresh mackerel.  
Sch. Rena A. Percy, Maine coast, 65,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Raymah, LeHave Bank, 160,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Niagara, Le Have Bank, 7000 lbs. halibut 45,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Cavalier, Bacalieu Bank, 60,000 lbs. halibut.  
Sch. Mary Edith, via Boston, 35,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Todays Fish Market.

Round pollock, 75 cts. per cwt.; gutted 80 cents.  
Salt bank cod, large \$3.75, mediums, \$3.10  
Salt Rips, cod, large, \$4.20, mediums, \$3.25; snapper \$2.  
Salt Georges cod, large \$4.25, mediums, \$3.25.  
Salt bank dory handline cod, \$3.87 1-2 per cwt. for large and \$3.25 for mediums.  
Grand Bank fresh cod, \$2.00 per cwt. for arge, \$1.60 for mediums.  
Bank halibut 6 cts. per lb. for white and 4 cts. for gray.  
Salt pollock, \$1.50; salt haddock, \$1.50.  
Fresh mackerel, 24 1-2 cts. each for large and 15 cents for mediums.  
Salt mackerel, \$9.75 to \$21 per bbl., according to quality.  
Eastern salt shack trip cod, \$3.80 per cwt. for large and \$3.15 for markets.  
Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large, \$2.30; mediums, \$1.75; Eastern cod, large, \$2; medium, \$1.60; cusk, \$1.65; haddock, \$1.00; hake, 85 cts.; pollock, to 80 cts.

Boston.

Sch. Quonnapowit, 35,000 haddock, 20,000 cod.  
Sch. Metamora, 2500 fresh mackerel.  
Sch. Pontiac, 1600 fresh mackerel.  
Sch. Conqueror, 2200 fresh mackerel.  
Sch. Rose Cabral, 3000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 8000 pollock.  
Sch. Anne Perry, 7000 haddock, 18,000 cod, 17,000 pollock.  
Sch. Appomattox, 2000 haddock, 10,000 cod.  
Sch. Hockomock, 28 swordfish.  
Steamer Mystery, 25 bbls. bluebacks.  
Sch. Carrie F. Roberts, 1500 haddock, 1500 cod.

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Steamer Spray, 20,000 haddock, 1100 cod, 2000 hake.  
 Sch. Flora S. Nickerson, 22,000 haddock, 11,000 cod, 12,000 hake.  
 Sch. Arbitrator, 3500 haddock, 32,000 cod, 7000 pollock.  
 Sch. Flayilla, 8000 haddock, 9000 cod.  
 Sch. Walter P. Goulart, 30,000 haddock, 30,000 cod.  
 Sch. Motor, 32 swordfish.  
 Sch. Ida S. Brooks, 9000 haddock, 16,000 cod.  
 Sch. Alice M. Guthrie, 15,000 haddock, 23,000 cod, 12,000 hake.  
 Sch. Elva L. Spurling, 8000 haddock, 4000 cod, 4000 hake.  
 Sch. Manhasset, 16,000 haddock, 9000 cod, 25,000 hake.  
 Sch. Frances V. Sylvia, 3000 haddock, 17,000 cod, 10,000 pollock.  
 Sch. Emilia Enos, 3000 haddock, 4000 cod, 3000 hake.  
 Haddock, \$2 per cwt.; large cod, \$2 to \$2.05; market cod, \$1.50 to \$1.85; hake, 65 cts. to \$1; pollock, 60 cts.; swordfish, 11 cts. per lb.; large fresh mackerel, 25 cts. each; fresh medium mackerel, 16 cts. each.

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## PUTTING DORIES ON.

Some of the Seiners Now Shifting Over to Shacking.

One Small Trip at Boston and One at This Port.

Sch. Esperanto, Capt. Charles Maguire, was at Boston yesterday afternoon with 2200 fresh mackerel which sold at 25 cents for large and 16 cents for mediums.

Sch. Veda M. McKown, Capt. Norman A. Ross, put into this port yesterday afternoon, with 1400 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Patrician, Capt. C. Wesley Farmer, was at Provincetown on Tuesday with 2000 fresh mackerel.

Of the 20 seiners now in port while some of them will hang on as long as there is a ghost of a chance of a mackerel showing, others will give it up and shift over to haddock and shacking, in which there is a good dollar at present, while others will fit for three weeks and see the month out, hoping that something will show up on some of the mackerel grounds in that time.

Sch. Pontiac is at this port to get ready for haddock and schs. Lizze M. Stanley and Fannie E. Prescott will also put the dories on and get ready for shacking.

Sch. Diana, Capt. James McLean, is fitting for a North Bay mackereling trip.

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## THE MACKEREL FISHERY SITUATION.

There is something radically wrong with the mackerel fishery and something needs to be done about it. The every day fisherman and skipper and student of habits of mackerel is convinced that there are just as many in the sea, and perhaps more, than there were five or ten years ago, but it remains a fact that the catch is steadily growing smaller and the season for catching them growing shorter, year after year. Time was, and not too long ago, either, when the best of the mackerel season came after July, and September and October were counted on as banner months. At present it has got to such a stage that the skipper and crew that does not pick up a little something out south and make a good trip to the Cape Shore has got a mighty hard row to hoe.

As it is now, the season is ending in July and August, whereas, as above stated, the cream of the season used to be looked for in September and October. This means but few salt mackerel, for fat fish are what are needed and desired for salting, and in consequence the bulk of the catch is landed fresh, excepting of course the Cape Shore catch, and even that is getting to be more of a fresh trip as the years roll by. If it keeps on as it is for a few years, American salt mackerel will become a thing of the past, for with all the fish caught early being of course not fat,

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and the season looking as though it were about over, and here it is only the first of August, where are the local salt mackerel coming from?

Already, this season, we have had vessels pull out and fit for some other branch of the fisheries, while still others are lying in port not going out, but waiting and hoping that some word of the recreant schools will soon be heard and that the season may still be a good one and something like old times.

Even the vessels that are going out again hardly know where to turn. All the fish at present in sight, and these are not many, are on the dangerous Rips. Nothing appears on Georges, along shore or in the Bay of Fundy as has been usual in years gone by at this time of the year.

Fortunately, the skippers as a whole are not discouraged, although, it must be said they have not much faith in the rest of the season turning out well. The most of them are going to stick to it for a month longer and are hoping—and that's about all they are doing.

After all is said and done, it cannot be denied that the mackerel season is steadily and surely growing shorter and this, coupled with the general belief that the fish are as numerous as they have been for the past decade, brings it right down to the point that something must be done to locate the wayward schools.

Now, it is not to be supposed that skippers and fishermen can afford the time to go and hunt all over the lot, outside of the regular grounds for them, for it must be admitted that it does seem as though they had sought unheard of habitations on banks and shoals not hitherto visited by them. But, nevertheless, they should be found; they must be found, if mackereling is not soon to be considered practically a lost art, and the question comes why should not the government aid in relocating the fish?

On the west coast and on other parts of the United States coast line, when the fish dealers, vessel owners and fishermen want anything in this life of piscatorial research, they apply strongly to the authorities at Washington and generally have little trouble in getting the necessary assistance in the shape of scientists and practical men on government steamers, who locate new banks, study and ferret out new feeding grounds and migratory habits of the fish which the fishermen are after and the dealers and owners so much desire.

Perhaps it may be drawing the long bow to look forward to the quitting of the mackerel from all their favorite haunts, yet it cannot be denied that this season, up to date, they have given some of their most favorite places the go by greatly to the serious discomfort and disappointment of Gloucester people in general.

Nobody wants to think that the season is over so soon. All have courage, yet all admit that when they go out again they hardly know where to look. They simply hope that the mackerel will show up but they acknowledge that the outlook at present, is the most discouraging for many, many years, for so early in the season.

Concerted action on the part of the Board of Trade, the Master Mariners Association and the fishermen themselves is needed, to present the matter as it really stands to the authorities at Washington and ask for assistance in the shape of some craft and men to make careful searches and locate, if possible, where the mackerel go to and have gone.

The matter is forcing itself on all as one for serious thought and the time to act and invoke aid is now, when the situation is darkest.

The mackerel fishery is too valuable to relinquish without a big struggle. The owners, the men and the skippers are doing all they can, putting up time and money, and it would seem to be up to the government to lend the aid which seems so sorely needed and which has been so often cheerfully extended to other branches of the United States fisheries along other parts of the coast.

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## GENUINE BIG ONE.

Don't Call 400 Pound Swordfish Large After This.

It is little use to tell about big swordfish now, in speaking of 300 and 400 pounds. Under the heading, "The Monster Sword Fish," the following paragraph appeared in the Portland Argus of Saturday, September 15, 1885: "Everybody should see this great natural curiosity now on its last day of exhibition under City hall. It weighs 1600 pounds and was captured by a Captain Willard, a few days ago, after a hard fight. Its sword, which is over four feet long, in the toughest piece of furniture we have seen in a long time, and would do very well to send to the Crimea. It is seldom so wonderful a sight in the world of fish is seen in this region."

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## FLITCHERS DOING WELL.

Two of Them Spoken Recently by Sch. Cavalier.

Capt. Robert B. Porper of sch. Cavalier, which arrived home last evening from Bacallieu bank, reports speaking the flitched halibut catchers Admiral Dewey and Lucinda J. Lowell, well to the northward. Each had about 35 barrels of fins, which means that they had 70,000 pounds each or better of flitches.

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 Sch. Arbitrator, via Boston, 60,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
 Sch. Quonnapowit, via Boston, 50,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
 Sch. Annie Perry, via Boston, 45,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
 Sch. Ida S. Brooks, via Boston, 45,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
 Sch. Mertis H. Perry, via Boston, 10,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
 Sloop Azorian, shore, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.  
 Sch. Pythian, Rips, 35,000 lbs. salt cod.  
 Sch. Lizzie M. Stanley, Rips, 10 bbls. salt mackerel.  
 Sch. Lottie G. Merchant, Rips, 18 bbls. salt mackerel.  
 Sch. A. M. Nicholson, seining.  
 Sch. Fannie E. Prescott, seining.  
 Sch. Pontiac, seining.

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### Boston.

Sch. Esperanto, 2200 fresh mackerel.  
 Sch. Helen B. Thomas, 6000 haddock, 12,000 cod, 4000 pollock.  
 Sch. Albert W. Black, 23 swordfish.  
 Sch. Actor, 46 swordfish.  
 Sch. Mary E. Silvera, 10,000 haddock, 16,000 cod, 2000 hake.  
 Sch. Mary A. Whalen, 30,000 haddock, 8000 cod, 12,000 hake.  
 Sch. Gladys and Sabra, 6000 haddock, 20,000 cod.  
 Sch. Cherokee, 600 cod, 2000 pollock.  
 Haddock, \$2 to \$2.75 per cwt.; large cod, \$2.25 to \$2.50; market cod, \$1.75 to \$2; pollock, \$1; swordfish, 11 cts. per lb.